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6,000 KG METH SEIZED OFF ANDAMAN COAST

The Coast Guard seized a fishing vessel carrying 6,000 kg of Methamphetamine near Andaman and Nicobar Islands, an official said on Monday. The pilot of a Coast Guard aircraft noticed a fishing trawler making suspicious movements near Barren Island, 150 km from Port Blair and alerted the Andaman and Nicobar Command. The Coast Guard ships towed the trawler to Port Blair. Around 3,000 packets, each containing 2 kg of meth, were seized during a search

FIR FILED

3 officials receive bribe through 'PhonePe'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

LOKAYUKTA police have filed an FIR against three revenue officials for allegedly accepting money through 'PhonePe' as bribe.

The accused are Srinivas, tahsildar of HD Kote taluk, Govindaraju, revenue inspector of Antharasanthe, and Nagaraj, village accountant of N Belattur village.

The Lokayukta police filed the FIR on Sunday based on a complaint by BV Mamatha Kumari from HD Kote. In her complaint, Kumari stated that the accused demanded Rs 50,000 as bribe to change the records related to a piece of land bearing survey No 10 owned by her at Gandathur village.

The case pertains to five acres and one gunta of land. The officials allegedly violated a court order and facilitated transfer and sale of land by altering the records pertaining to it. To restore the original status of the land, they demanded Rs 50,000 from her. Initially, the officials accepted Rs 5,000 as bribe through 'PhonePe'. After receiving Kumari's complaint, they were caught red-handed while another transaction was being made.

Call taken on BJP leading new Mahayuti govt

Name of chief minister to be announced in Mumbai; Shinde camp keeps up pressure

MUKESH RANJAN AND SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ New Delhi/Mumbai

THE leadership jigsaw of the new Maharashtra government remained unsolved on Monday though sources said the call on the BJP leading it had been made. The name of the new chief minister will be announced in Mumbai, they said.

BJP's Devendra Fadnavis continued to lead the race, but incumbent Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was in no mood to yield. Both along with the third element in the Mahayuti trinity, breakaway NCP's Ajit Pawar, flew into Delhi to attend the marriage reception of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's daughter.

While sources said no formal meeting of the trio has been scheduled with Union Home Minister Amit Shah, there was speculation that it could happen late on Monday night. With the tenure of the last assembly ending, Shinde is expected to submit his resignation on Tuesday and continue as caretaker CM till the final decision is taken.

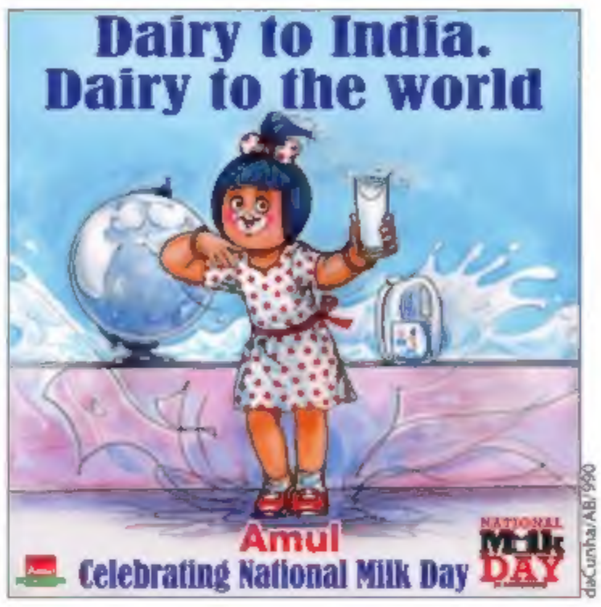
Though Ajit tried to tilt the scales in favour of Fadnavis,

Fadnavis, Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar

Shinde remained adamant. For, Shinde's demotion as deputy CM would give the Sena led by Uddhav Thackeray he just decimated in the assembly polls, breathing space to revive itself.

"Shinde should at least be made CM for the first 2.5 years of the new tenure. The next half can go to Fadnavis. After the big defeat in the Lok Sabha elections, Shinde took several cabinet decisions, including the *Ladli Bahena* scheme and changed the entire political landscape of the state. Therefore, the BJP should seriously consider him again as CM for at least the first half of the tenure. Else, it will send a wrong message to the allies," said a close aide of the CM.

On the other hand, the RSS and the state BJP are pitching for Fadnavis as CM, with one foot soldier threatening mass self immolation if it is decided otherwise.



WIN DOWN UNDER

Stand-in captain Jasprit Bumrah celebrates after India crushes Australia by 295 runs in the first Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Perth on Monday | AFP | P15

Manipur, Adani row paralyse House

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE winter session of Parliament was off to a stormy start on Monday with both Houses adjourned till Wednesday amid protests by the Opposition demanding discussions on Gautam Adani's US indictment and the Manipur situation.

Opposition members of Parliament including K C Venugopal, Manickam Tagore and Manish Tewari moved a motion in the Lok Sabha seeking suspension of the day's listed business to hold a discussion on Adani indictment. But the Speaker declined, leading to protests and adjournment. In Rajya Sabha, chairman Jagdeep Dhankar rejected seven notices served under Rule 267, seeking a discussion on the billionaire's indictment.

T'GANA WON'T ACCEPT ADANI'S DONATION

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday said that the state government will not accept the Rs 100 crore CSR donation committed by Industrialist Gautam Adani for the Young India Skills University | P5

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge expressed dismay over the Chair in both Houses disallowing the opposition to raise the Adani issue under Rule 267 and said the government should "let the truth come out" as the matter is affecting the country's image.

"Rule 267 is made only to raise such important issues. Else, that rule should not have been there. We want to be allowed to raise this issue under this rule," he said.

Kharge also attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing him of spoiling the country's image by "helping" some key businessmen get contracts abroad, and demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the allegations against the Adani Group.

The BJP slammed the Opposition saying it was stalling Parliament proceedings in retaliation for their defeat in Maharashtra elections.

During a meeting of the business advisory committee of the Lok Sabha, Speaker Om Birla asked political parties to avoid a ruckus in the House in the name of protests. He also flagged the issue of disruptions and urged Opposition leaders to convey their dissent in a constructive manner. P9

EXPRESS READ

1.3 lakh kids in K'taka are malnourished

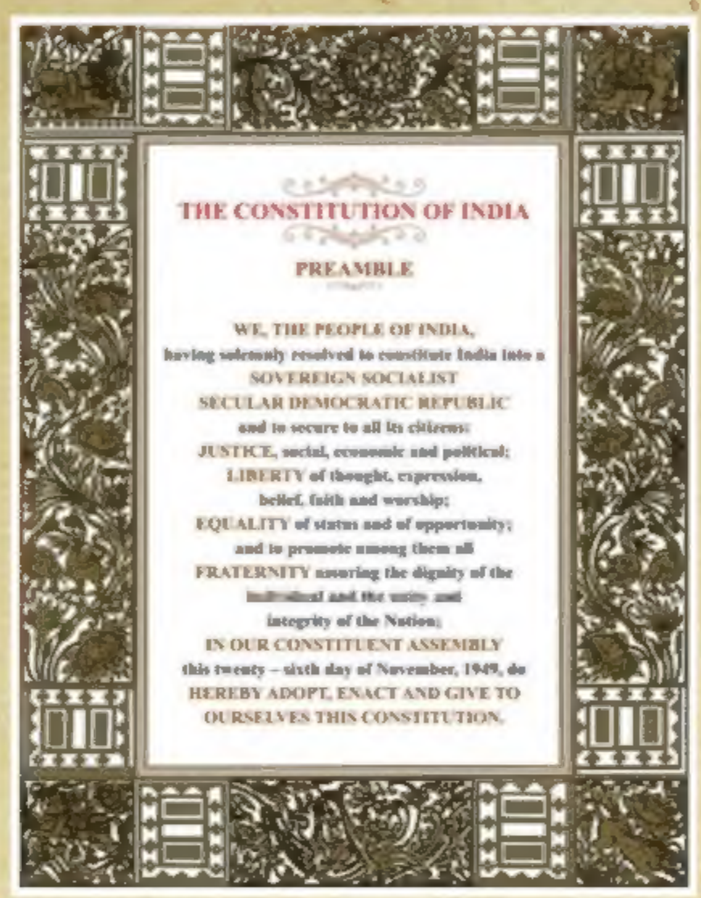
BENGALURU: Over 1.3 lakh children aged below five in Karnataka are malnourished. Of them, 11,674 are classified as 'severely acute malnourished', according to government data. This issue is compounded by a Rs 300-crore cut in the 2024 budget for the ICDS programme | P5

Centre extends ban on ULFA for 5 years

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Monday extended the ban on the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) for five years for continuing to work with the objective to secede Assam from India and maintaining links with other insurgent groups for extortion and violence. The ULFA was first declared a banned organisation in 1990.

Constitution Day Celebration

For Liberty, Equality, Fraternity



THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

PREAMBLE

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA,
having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a
SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST
SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
and to secure to all its citizens:
JUSTICE, social, economic and political;
LIBERTY of thought, expression,
belief, faith and worship;
EQUALITY of status and of opportunity;
and to promote among them all
FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the
individual and the unity and
integrity of the Nation;
IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
this twenty – sixth day of November, 1949, do
HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO
OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

Social Welfare Department

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

On the Occasion of the Constitution day Celebration, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka will garland the Statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar positioned in front of Vidhana Soudha at 10.30 AM, followed by 'flag off' of **"The Constitution Awareness Walkathon Jatha"** organised by the National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell in collaboration with the Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports.

Programme

Date: 26.11.2024, Tuesday at 11.00 AM. Venue: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru.

Inauguration of Conference Hall at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka

August Presence

Sri Basavaraj S. Horatti
Hon'ble Chairman,
Karnataka Legislative Council

Sri U.T. Khader
Hon'ble Speaker,
Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister,
Government of Karnataka

Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa,
Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare,
Government of Karnataka

All are cordially invited

Major P. Manivannan, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Government, Social Welfare Department

Dr. Rakesh Kumar K., IAS,
Commissioner, Social Welfare Department

Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, participating in an interaction programme with the Chairman of ISRO.

As is enshrined in our Constitution, to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.